

CHAS-108
THE NAPPING
Welcome
Private

Eighteenth century

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CHAS-108

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY (PCI #090005104)

1 NAME

HISTORIC

THE NAPPING

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

East side of Henson Landing Road, approx. 1.2 mile south of its junction with Md. Rte. 6

CITY, TOWN

Welcome

X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Charles

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mrs. LeMerton Crist

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

The Napping

CITY, TOWN

Welcome

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Charles County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Charles Street (P. O. Box B)

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland 20646

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Napping, situated on a large tract of land on the east side of Henson Landing Road about three miles from Port Tobacco, is a modest frame house that is said to date from the seventeenth century. Although, there is no discernable part of the existing fabric that can be proven to be of that early a date, certain features suggest that the house began as a single room dwelling that was enlarged in the late eighteenth century.

The main part of the existing two-part structure is located at the west end. The original front faces south and is three bays in width. A transomed entrance occupies the center bay and is flanked by two irregularly placed windows of nine-over-nine sash. On the front slope of the roof is a cross gable framing a single window of six-over-six sash. The gable is a rather curious feature of the house, largely due to the fact that it is off-center on the roof and its front wall is actually an upward extension of the front wall of the house. In most instances where a cross gable has been added to the roof, it sits back from the lower wall, retaining the eaves or cornice that visually and physically separate one from the other. It is possible that the cross gable of The Napping is an early if not original feature, but this could only be determined by an examination of its framing and its relation with that of the house. It is more likely, however, that it was created when a former wing of the house was removed.

The north elevation of the main block, now the approach side, is also three bays in width. Like the front it has a centered transomed door flanked by two windows. The window to the left of the door frames sash of nine-over-six panes, while that to the right is smaller, appears to be of an earlier date, and frames sash of four-over-four panes. The west end of the house has a single exterior chimney, positioned toward the south end of this elevation, with stepped shoulders and free-standing stack. Its design, as well as the fact that its base is not bonded into the foundation walls of the house, suggest that it was added in the nineteenth century. Irregularities in the mixed fieldstone and English bond patterned brick foundation walls indicate that a larger centered chimney might have preceded the existing chimney. Flanking the chimney base are two windows, both of nine-over-nine sash. A single window in the gable to the left of the stack is also of nine-over-nine sash. At the east end of the house stand two exterior chimneys. The area of the chimneys below the top of the shoulders is now covered by a later addition at this end. Both of the chimney stacks have been rebuilt, but retain their original free-standing plan.

Extending out from the east end of the original house is a long, story addition that was built in the middle of this century. Both parts of the house are currently sheathed with aluminum siding and

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The Napping is located on a large tract of land identified as Parcel 21, Map 54, Charles County Tax Maps (revised January 1976.)

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

J. Richard Rivoire

ORGANIZATION

Charles County Planning Department

DATE

June 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Charles County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

645-6537

CITY OR TOWN

La Plata

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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trim and have composition shingles on the roofs.

The first floor room configuration of the older part of the house is of a regionally popular and basically eighteenth century design, with two large front rooms, a centered rear stair hall and two small adjoining rooms. Like Spye Park (CHAS-304), the larger southwest rooms appears to pre-date the rest and has exposed corner posts and wall plates, generally a typical feature of pre-1750 area architecture. This same room also has exposed beaded ceiling joists, a feature repeated in the rear hall. It is probable that the other rooms also had exposed joists but that these were covered over with plaster during later renovations. All of the trim on the first floor level is of a type datable to the late-eighteenth and early-nineteenth century, including two-piece window and door surrounds, chairrails and mantels. The stair rises along the east wall of the hall behind a curtain wall of vertical boards.

To the north and west of the house are several sheds. Two are constructed using hewn framing members salvaged from other buildings. Another, a small cabin, appears to be of the late-nineteenth or early-twentieth century, but its exterior appearance suggests an earlier date. A fourth building, possibly the oldest but one which may be a partial or total reconstruction, is directly north of the house. It is a heavily timbered structure, with unusually wide wall posts framing the window and door. The roof, however, is twentieth century.

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

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STATE: Maryland	
COUNTY: Charles	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: THE NAPPING	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: Henson Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Mc Conchie vicinity			
STATE Maryland	CODE	COUNTY: Charles	CODE

3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/>	Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes:
Site <input type="checkbox"/>	Structure <input type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>		Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
		Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/>		No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>		
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Charles County courthouse			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN: La Plata	STATE: Maryland	CODE	

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE	

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER

DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Napping is a small one and one half storey dwelling with a charming character all its own.

Three bays in length at both the north and south elevations the house possesses an A frame roof running east to west with a cross gable at both sides. There are two exterior chimneys at the east end and a single exterior chimney at the west end but slightly off center. All three chimneys have free standing stacks.

At the north elevation the windows are narrow with the window closest to the n.w. corner a four over four pane guillotine and the window closest to the n.e. corner a nine over nine guillotine. The center door is of batten design with a five pane transome. The cross gable also possesses a small window.

To the east end is a one storey addition of twentieth century date. It has an A roof ending in a hip at the east end. The wing is four bays in length at the N. elevation.

Near the house are two early outbuildings one appearing to be a slave cabin. Both out buildings, like the house, are of frame construction. On the driveway to the house is a very interesting tobacco barn probably erected circa 1800 and in excellent condition.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☒15th Century ☐17th Century ☒ ?19th Century ☐

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Early land records show a house to have existed on the site as early as 1659.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
NE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SE	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"
SW	0	'	"	0	'	"	0	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: <i>J. Richard Riving</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>M.H.T.</i>	DATE	
STREET AND NUMBER:		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE <i>md.</i>	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

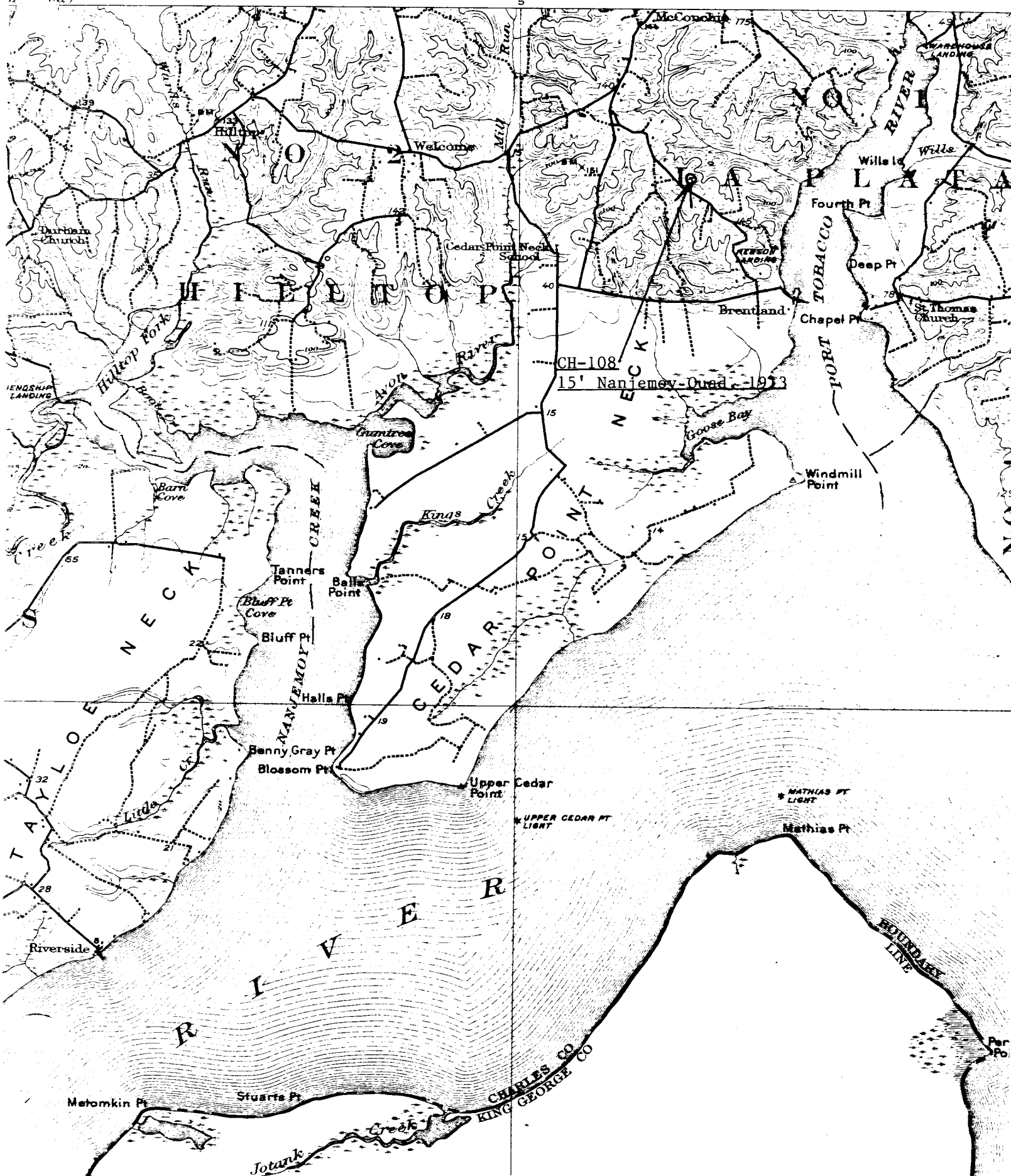
Keeper of The National Register

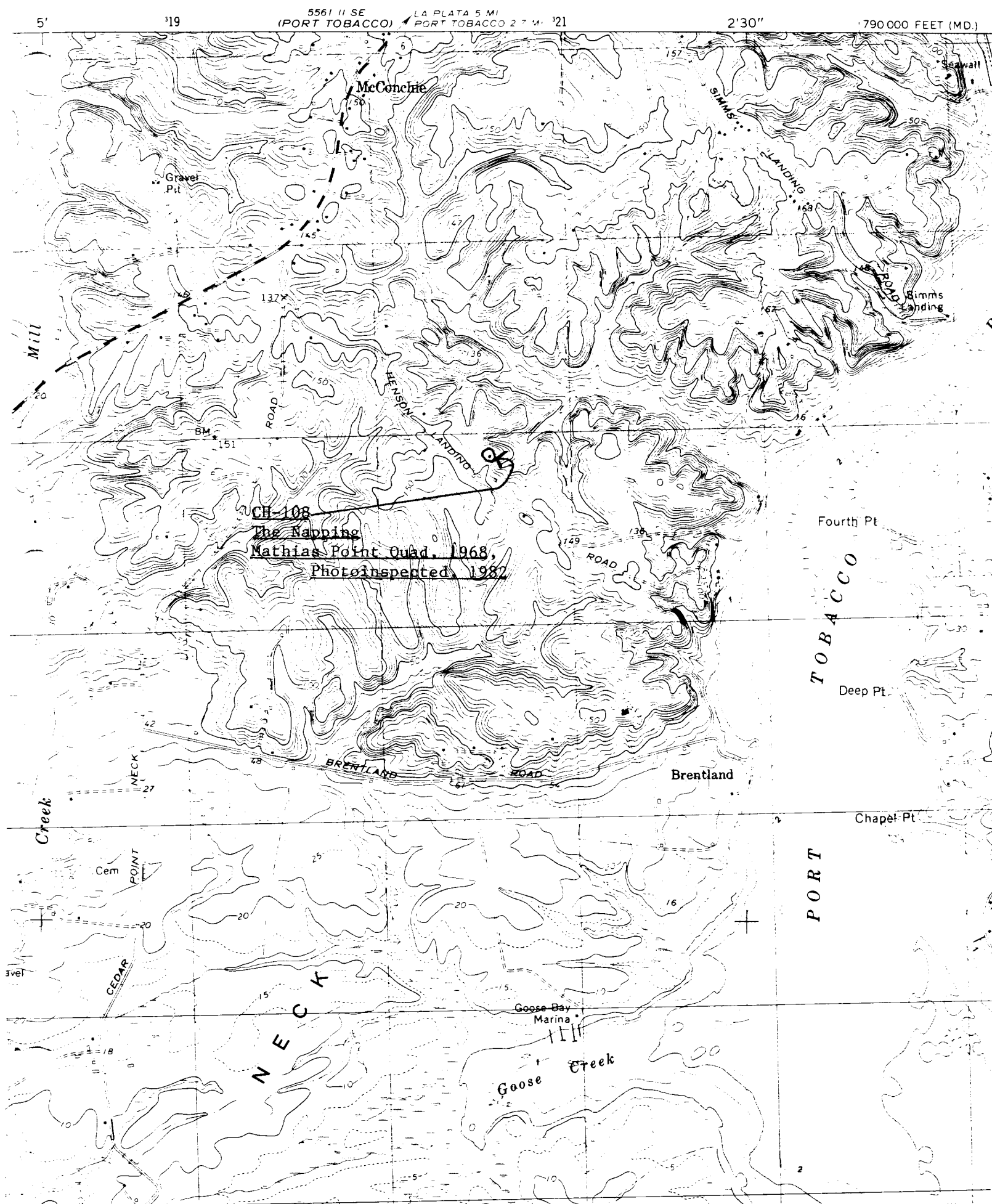
Date _____

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THE NAPPING; South Front

J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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THE NAPPING; West End.

J.R.Rivoire, 1978



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— THE NAPPING; View From N.W. —
J.R.Rivoire, 1978